FLORADALE MENNONITE CHURCH
ANNOUNCEMENT SHEET

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LOOKING AHEAD in the COMMUNITY cont'd

September 21 - **Join us in "holding the hope" at 10,000 Steps for Mental Health.** Each of us knows someone who is struggling, and holding the hope during this time is so important. Come "hold the hope" at *10,000 Steps for Mental Health*. Whether you come on your own, with your family, a friend, your small group, or your book club, this is an opportunity to make a huge statement of support for those who suffer, to reduce stigma, and to hold the hope for those in despair. More info at shalomcounselling.org/hope or by calling 519-886-9690.**September 21- Between 10 a.m. and 5 p.m. MEDA is participating in Doors Open Waterloo Region.** Visit them at 595 Parkside Drive, Suite 2, Waterloo, Ontario. Guided tours are offered from 1 to 3 p.m., with an open-house format the rest of the day. Panel discussion at 12:30 p.m. on gender equality and environmental sustainability in international economic development.

September 23rd or 24th - Fall Seniors' Retreat at Hidden Acres Mennonite Camp. Our theme this fall is "Opening the Conversation – Engaging with friends, family and God through the transitions of later life". Jane Kuepfer will be our resource person. For more information contact the camp at 519-625-8602, info@hiddenacres.ca, or visit our website at www.hiddenacres.ca. Space is limited, please register by September 16th.

September 26, from 3:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. - *"WHAT DOES CLIMATE CHANGE ASK OF YOU – THE LEADERSHIP ROLE OF FAITH COMMUNITIES IN RESPONSE TO CLIMATE CHANGE"* A workshop sponsored by Faith & the Common Good, Divest Waterloo, Interfaith Grand River, and St. Mary's Catholic Church. Free admission; attend either some or all the program. To register, go to https://www.eventbrite.ca/e/what-does-climate-change-ask-of-you-the-leadership-role-of-faith-communities-in-response-to-climate-tickets-70619347369

September 27, 10:30 a.m. Join people of faith in praying and singing for our earth on the morning of the global climate strike. We will gather in Mary Allan Park to pray and sing together, and all are invited to walk to attend the Climate Strike at Waterloo Town Square (11:30am) with people of all ages. Come early (9:30 a.m.) if you would like to make a sign.

September 28 - 8:30 am -**The Mennonite Story – Celebrating 40 Years.** You are invited to a breakfast celebration at Waterloo North Mennonite Church, 100 Benjamin Rd, Waterloo. Guest speaker is John Ruth, one of the early visionaries of The Mennonite Story project. Tickets, $30 available online at mennonitestorybreakfast.eventbrite.ca or in person at The Mennonite Story, 1406 King St N, St. Jacobs.

September 29, 6:30 p.m. St Jacobs Mennonite Church (1310 King St N, St Jacobs) invites you to attend a **screening of the documentary "Beyond Crisis**." The one-hour Climate Change documentary will be followed by a time for discussion with the filmmaker Kai Reimer-Watts. Donations welcome to defray costs.

October 5 -.Ride for Refuge - This is a fantastic opportunity to support our International Witness Workers and God's amazing work throughout the world. Join friends and families across Canada to bike or walk and raise financial support for ministry around the world. Form a team today! For more information visit MC Canada's website.

October 5 - 2PM - Expanding Our View of Cemeteries: Places of Tradition, Ritual, Stories & Community at Mannheim Mennonite Church. Join the Mennonite Historical Society of Ontario to hear Marion Roes and Matthew Bailey-Dick speak about their unique projects that explore Mennonite funeral and burial traditions, and how cemeteries can be places of learning. More information at www.mhso.org

Oct. 19 – Empty Bowls for Haiti – Steinmann Mennonite Church, 1316 Snyders Rd. W., Baden, Seatings at 5 and 7 pm. You pay $30, eat soup and take home a beautiful bowl. Tickets are available online at mcco.ca/empty-bowls-haiti or by calling MCC at 519-745-8458.

OTHER ANNOUNCEMENTS

AMBS

Spiritual Direction: Mystery. Cultivate your ministry of spiritual direction through *Spiritual Direction: Mystery*, an advanced level of our supervised program. This course — which meets three times on campus for two days each — will help you focus on the ineffable presence and activity of God. Register by Sept. 30. ambs.edu/spiritual-direction

CMU

Sunday@CMU is a 15-minute radio program featuring meditations from current and emeriti professors, music from CMU ensembles and choirs, and interviews with faculty, staff, students, and alumni. Cheryl Pauls, CMU President, is currently featuring reflections on five Believers' Church Commentaries written by CMU faculty. Go to media.cmu.ca anytime for links to recordings of these programs.

CONGRAD GREBEL COLLEGE

Catalyzing Collaboration: Centre for Peace Advancement Fifth Anniversary—On September 21 from 2PM-4PM, Conrad Grebel University College will celebrate the 5th Anniversary of the Kindred Credit Union Centre for Peace Advancement. We invite you to join us in *remembering* the impacts from the past five years, *reconnecting* with individuals and organizations that have collectively shaped our work, and *re-imagining* what it means to advance peace in Waterloo region beyond. Visit uwaterloo.ca/grebel/catalyzing-collaboration to register.

Peace Week 2019– What role will you play in advancing peace? From September 16 to 22, Conrad Grebel University College invites you to attend the many peace-related initiatives or events hosted in the KW community. Go to uwaterloo.ca/peace-week to learn more about how you can get involved.

On **Thursday, October 3 at 7:30 pm, Conrad Grebel University College will host a book launch for *Finding Father: Stories From Mennonite Daughters*.** This fascinating collection features highly personal essays by Mennonite women about their relationships with their fathers. The volume includes narratives by well-known writers like Julia Kasdorf and Jean Janzen. A number of prominent Ontario Mennonite women will read from their own reflections, including Carrie Snyder, Magdalene Redekop, Maggie Dyck, and Hildi Froese Tiessen. Grebel.ca/events.

On **Thursday October 10 at 7:30PM**, Conrad Grebel University College presents the 2019 Benjamin Eby Lecture "Witnessing Passion: Musical depiction of minor characters in Passion music by Bach, Ešenvalds, MacMillan and Pärt; presented by Mark Vuorinen. This lecture-demonstration explores the ways through which these composers note the presence of the biblical by-standers who stood witness to the arrest, trial, and crucifixion of Christ. Often, their presence is distilled into a single line of text or a single measure of music, yet their presence as eye-witnesses is absolutely essential. They are the reminder that this divine story is also deeply human. Register online at Grebel.ca/eby."

HIDDEN ACRES

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MENNO YOUTH SINGERS

It's Not Too Late!!" to join Menno Youth Singers! This dynamic and growing choir of more than 25 singers still has room for you. Rehearsals have already begun but Steve Surian, our talented conductor, says there's a spot for you--and you--and you! Tuesdays at 7 pm; Erb Street Mennonite Church. See mennosingers.com/mys/ for all the details.

PiE Fall 2019 Activities:

PiE (Pastors in Exile) is a community based ministry accompanying young adults in Waterloo Region. We also host larger intergenerational community events. Consider joining us for one of our fall groups/events:

Feminist Bible Study - Every Thursday, starting Sept.19th, 7 pm, W-K United Mennonite Church. This group is open to any non-binary and female identified folks who are interested in exploring Scripture from a feminist perspective. Contact Tamara Shantz (tamara@pastorsinexile.org) for more information.

Queerly Christian **-** Second and Fourth Wednesday, starting Sept.25th, 7:30 pm, Erb St Mennonite Church. The LGBTQ2SIA+ community is invited to join us for worship and community - come sing queer hymns, pray, and reflect with other Queer Christians. Contact Pamela Girardi (pamela@pastorsinexile.org) for more information.

Bible Quizzing for Grown Ups: Fundraising Event Sunday, October 20, 6:30-9:30 pm, The Jazz Room
Join us for our second Bible Quiz fundraiser. Get a team together, raise pledges, and then compete! We'll be quizzing on Genesis 1-30 (NRSV). Go to: bit.ly/piequizzing2019.

ROCKWAY MENNONITE COLLEGIATE

Wednesday, September 25th, 2019 from 7 – 8:30 p.m. **Rockway Mennonite Collegiate** invites you to attend "**Healthy Relationships: Let's Talk about Power, Sex and Spirituality**" This evening presentation, connected to Rockway's Spiritual Emphasis Week, will feature Carol Penner from Conrad Grebel University College and a panel comprised of an MCEC pastor, Rockway students and faculty, and Johnny Wideman, from Theater of the Beat. Rockway is grateful to the Mennonite Church Eastern Canada, who are sponsoring this evening session.

SILVER LAKE MENNONITE CAMP

Men's Retreat at Silver Lake Mennonite Camp, **September 20-22, 2019.** Join us for a weekend of relaxation, connection and good food. Over the weekend, Marcus Shantz, president of Conrad Grebel University College, will use one of his favourite movies, and a few good poems, to start conversation and invite reflection on 'being a man' in an accessible and enjoyable way. Participants can also enjoy low ropes activities, swimming, boating, games, campfires, nature walks, and the sauna! Visit www.slmc.ca (retreats page) to register. Cost is $200+HST. Email fun@slmc.ca for any questions.

SOSA

Single Or Single Again will be going on a fall hike for our Sept event. This will be Saturday Sept. 21st. We will meet in the parking lot just off Nafziger Rd. at the Wilmot Rec Centre at 3:30 pm & walk the trail there. Following the hike we will be going to dinner at the Scran & Dram down the road in New Hamburg. In case of bad weather we will forego the hike & just meet for dinner at 5 pm. If you would like to come please call Sandy @ 519-662-2971

WOOLWICH COMMUNITY SERVICE

26th Annual Bowl-a-thon for the prevention of family violence, Saturday October 19, 2019 at the Elmira Bowl, 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. See events bulletin board for more information.